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Snow north and east portion tonight; colder.

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WORST RAILROAD STRIKE IN HISTORY THREATENED

GENERAL WALK-OUT THIS MONTH SEEMS IMMINENT

All Union Employees Demand Uniform Wage Increase of Ten Per Cent

THE CRISIS IS FAST APPROACHING

Officers of Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen Announce They Will Present Their Ultimatum December 11--Conference Will Begin on 15th Inst.--Impossible to Predict What Outcome Will Be.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The Chicago Tribune this morning says: "The United States is threatened with the greatest railroad strike in the history of the nation. Practically every railroad line in the country, including all of the big systems, is in imminent danger of being completely tied-up by a general walkout on the part of its operating employees this month."

"The officers of the various union organizations, comprising the switchmen, engineers and firemen, have agreed upon a uniform demand of a ten percent wage increase without deviation or compromise."

"That the crisis is approaching rapidly was indicated yesterday by the announcement in New York by officers of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen that they would present their demands on the eleventh of this month and that a wage conference would begin on the fifteenth."

"Although every effort will be made to avert a general strike, it is impossible at this time to predict the outcome of this conference."

"So serious has the situation become that this week the railroad officials quietly notified the largest shippers along their lines that they had best prepare for such an emergency and the shippers so notified, including coal mining companies, manufacturers, jobbers, shippers of grain and other foodstuffs, have been exerting themselves to the utmost to lay in stocks and distribute products to the consuming centers."

Historic Railroad Strikes

Among historic American strikes have been the great strikes of 1887 on the Baltimore & Ohio, Pennsylvania and other roads, in which much damage to property was done and troops were called out; the telegraph operators' strike in 1883; the strike on the Gould system in 1885; the Chicago strike of 1894, which grew out of an effort of the newly organized American Railway Union to boycott Pullman cars in order to aid strikers at the Pullman works. In more recent years strikes of boilermakers and machinists on the Santa Fe, Denver & Rio Grande and other systems, and frequent telegraphers' strikes on the big systems have thrown thousands out of employment, resulted in some instances in physical conflicts and cost the railroads and unions vast sums of money. The threatened strike, should it occur, would make the ones just mentioned insignificant in comparison, owing to the almost perfect organization of railroad employees at the present time and the large funds in the union treasuries which would enable the men to hold out for an indefinite period. In addition such a general strike would paralyze not only traffic conditions throughout the country, but manufacturing and commercial interests as well.

RAILROADS REFUSE TO TREAT WITH STRIKING SWITCHMEN

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 4.—Both sides today express confidence over the result of the switchmen's strike, but no apparent progress is being made for an early settlement. The switchmen still claim to have the situation well in hand, but the railroads are making headway in their steady importation of new men to take the places of the strikers and today they promised to handle more freight than at any time since the strike began.

The strike at the head of the latest is practically broken, but in the Twin Cities and out west the railroads so far have not been able to handle any volume of business.

An attempt will be made by the business interests late today to bring about a conference, but the railroad officials say they will make no concessions and that the switchmen must return to work under the old conditions.

The quarrel between Vice-President Whitney, of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and President Hawley, of the Switchmen's Union, is the latest development in the big strike. Vice-President Whitney says that the Switchmen's Union in calling the strike, was "unfair to the brotherhood," unfair with their own members and unfair with the railroads. To this Hawley retorted today: "Whitney's statement is a lame and contemptible excuse for the men who he wants to go back as scabs."

Conditions at Seattle. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 4.—Local railroad officials say they are gradually resuming freight traffic. The Seattle Teamsters' Union has decided not to strike in sympathy with the switchmen. Three freight trains left Helena, Mont., this morning for the west, but otherwise very little is being done in the movement of freight trains.

THERMOMETER REGISTERS 18 BELOW IN WYOMING

Laramie, Dec. 4.—The government thermometer at the University of Wyoming registered eleven degrees below zero last night. Eighteen below was reported at Green River, Wyo. The storm is general over southern Wyoming, all trains being delayed.

Snow Storm General

Denver, Dec. 4.—A general snow storm last night and today has enveloped the west and southwest in a blanket of white, the snow ranging in depth from six inches to six feet. A sudden drop in the temperature, especially in Wyoming, parts of Colorado and in the mountainous regions of northern New Mexico will cause losses to sheep and cattlemen. Reports received at the weather bureau station here report a heavy fall of snow at Raton, Las Vegas, Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico, and intermediate parts, extending east and west of Albuquerque and throughout the northern part of the territory. Railroad traffic in Colorado and New Mexico is slightly interrupted as a result of the storm. The snowfall will be of inestimable value to the so-called dry farmers and will help the range.

ARRESTED FOR SEDUCTION; MAN MARRIES ACCUSER

A very interesting case appeared before Justice of the Peace Sena yesterday morning on the west side in precinct No. 5. Cleotilde Washington, colored, brought suit against Jose Alonzo Montoya, for seduction. The case was waived to be tried before the grand jury but this morning Montoya compromised the case by marrying the woman. There was some delay, however, the justice looking up the law as to whether or not a white and a colored person could marry. It was found that there was no objection of a legal nature and the couple were married in the chambers of Justice of the Peace Sena by his honor, the judge.

The case of Pedro Padilla vs. Federico Crespin for assault and battery was also heard before Judge Sena yesterday afternoon. This case was tried before a jury but the jury failed to bring in a verdict after being out for one hour. The case was thereupon continued until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

SNOW INTERRUPTS STREET CAR SERVICE

The Las Vegas Transit company was compelled to suspend business on the boulevard run today on account of the snow. The loss of this service is keenly felt by the residents of the boulevard and the people who go back and forth to the asylum every day, rain, shine or snow.

ATROCIOUS MURDER FOLLOWS MYSTERIOUS TRIPLE KILLING

Pittsburg, Kans., Dec. 4.—Following the mysterious murder a week ago of William Bork, his wife and their child, another atrocious murder today has put this and other towns in the vicinity in a frenzy of excitement. Miss Goldie Ingberg was murdered and robbed at her home in this city early today. Her assailant forced carbolic acid down the girl's throat, tore her diamond earrings out of her ears, then dragged her to the front porch, where she was found later by her mother, who was awakened by her daughter's moans. Miss Ingberg lived but a short time after being found. There is no clue to the murderer.

DISAPPOINTED MOTHER BURIES BABY GIRL ALIVE

Mexico City, Dec. 4.—Because her first born was not a boy, Marie Isabel Hernandez, aided by two other women. It is charged, buried her baby alive in the walls of an abode house a few minutes after its birth last Monday. The three women have been arrested.

EMPEROR OF GERMANY IS ON THE "WATER WAGON"

Washington, Dec. 4.—Emperor William, of Germany, is on the "water wagon." Sadder still are the soldiers in his imperial army for they can no longer look to their usual ration of Schnapps for courage and sustenance, for in its place they now find bottled lemon soda.

This statement was made last night by C. Rowland Munroe, of New Jersey, before the conference of superintendents of the National Anti-Sa-

loon league, the annual convention of which opens here Monday. Mr. Munroe was a delegate to the recent international congress on alcoholism held at London. To lend encouragement to the league workers in their fight against the army cantine, Mr. Munroe quoted from statements made by the German delegates to the London congress as to what already has been accomplished with the ruler and army of Germany, the most noted beer drinking nation on earth.

VESSELS LOST IN FIERCE GALE

CREWS AND PASSENGERS PERISH WHEN STEAMERS GO TO PIECES

WRECKAGE WASHED ASHORE

FINDING OF THIS ALONG COAST BLASTS ALL HOPE FOR ILL-FATED CRAFT

STORM IS STILL RAGING

ENGLISH AND IRISH CHANNELS AT THE MERCY OF THE ELEMENTS

London, Dec. 4.—All hope of the survival of the passengers and crew of the Isle of Man steamer Eilan Vannin, was abandoned today when portions of the steamer's upper work and small boats picked up on the banks of Mersey Isle, were identified as belonging to the missing vessel. The Eilan Vannin carried twelve passengers and a crew of twenty-one men.

The little steamer was the mascot of the Isle of Man steam packet company's fleet and her luck was proverbial. For forty-nine years she had successfully ridden the seas and never lost a passenger. The loss of the steamer Thistlemore, off Appleford, in Barnstable bay, was confirmed today, but several of her crew of thirty were saved.

The gale continued with unabated severity over the Irish channel today.

Disaster Off Pacific Coast

Portland, Ore., Dec. 4.—Advises received by the United States weather bureau in this city from Tatoosh, Wash., state that the British four-masted bark Matterhorn, foundered at sea, November 27, seventy miles off Umatilla reef. The first mate, steward and four sailors were drowned. Twenty-seven of the crew were saved, of whom eight are at the life-saving station at Tatoosh island and nineteen are on the Umatilla lightship.

TONG WAR EXTENDS TO AN ARIZONA TOWN

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 4.—It is believed the Chinese Tong war, that originated in San Francisco, has reached this city. A Chinaman was found dead last night near here and several arrests have been made in the Chinese colony in an effort to clear up the mystery.

CURRY URGES PLEDGE BE KEPT

GOVERNOR PLEADS FOR EARLY STATEHOOD IN ANNUAL REPORT

FURTHER DELAY IS UNJUST

NEW MEXICO NOW BOASTS ALMOST HALF A MILLION POPULATION

NEW JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ESTABLISHMENT WOULD FACILITATE COURT MATTERS SAYS EXECUTIVE

Washington, Dec. 4.—Recalling the fact that the leading political parties during their last national conventions pledged themselves to the passage of statehood bills, George Curry, who recently resigned the governorship of New Mexico, in his annual report to Secretary Richard A. Ballinger, of the Interior, urges that that official use his influence toward obtaining statehood for the territory at the coming session of congress.

"We have," says the report, "a population of nearly half a million, the majority of whom are descendants of the Anglo-Saxon race, the balance are Spanish-American citizens who are as law-abiding and as good a people as ever lived in any state or territory. They have always been loyal to our country and to our flag."

Recommendation is made for the creation of another judicial district in the northern part of the territory. The criminal laws, it is declared are being as vigorously enforced as those in any state.

Conditions in the territory, says the governor, have been as good as during the previous year. The immigration, while somewhat diminished, has been of a more substantial character, and in no public interest has there been a greater advance than in education.

"POP" ANSON WOULD HEAD NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—"Pop" Anson, veteran baseball man, wants to be president of the National Baseball League. In a letter to Horace Fogel, the new president of the Philadelphia club, "Pop" says so very plainly and says he will poll a surprising vote. President Fogel, was pleased with the letter but declared he had not yet made up his mind as to his choice.

OHIO MILITIA ORDERED OUT TO QUELL RIOT

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 4.—Governor Harmon today ordered the Eighth regiment of the Ohio national guard and part of the Seventh and Fourth regiments to proceed at once to Bridgeport, where two guards in the mills of the Aetna Standard company were wounded in a bloody riot last night.

SIXTY-FIRST CONGRESS MAY PASS STATEHOOD BILL

Washington, Dec. 4.—With the opening of the first regular session of the Sixty-first Congress but two days away, senators and representatives from far and near are arriving in Washington today.

Following a time honored custom, both houses will adjourn soon after they convene at noon Monday, out of respect to the memory of those members who have died during the recess.

Tuesday's session of both houses will likely be devoted to listening to the reading of President Taft's message to congress and after that the lawmakers should be able to get down to business immediately. All committee appointments and other details of organization have been completed.

One of the features of the short session will be, it is believed, the fight for the passage of a separate statehood bill for the territories of New Mexico and Arizona. President Taft is known to favor immediate state-

TROOPSSLA IN BLOODY BATTLE

MOROS MAKE ATTACK ON SMALL DETACHMENT OF CONSTABULARY

REPULSED WITH DIFFICULTY

GOVERNMENT FORCE HAD ELEVEN KILLED AND SCORE WOUNDED

TRIBESMEN LOST HEAVILY

LEFT TWENTY OF THEIR DEAD ON FIELD WHEN THEY RETREATED

Manila, P. I., Dec. 4.—Fanatical Moros and Sananos forced a fight on a detachment of constabulary under the command of a Lieutenant near Mount Malindang, Mindanao Island, last Sunday. Six members of the constabulary, four porters and one policeman were killed and a score wounded. The Moros left twenty of their number dead when they finally scattered. Some four thousand fanatics gathered in the vicinity of the mountain two weeks ago and Governor Peralta anticipated trouble. Constabulary reinforcements have been sent to the scene of the fight, but the tribesmen are now returning to their homes.

QUASHES INDICTMENTS AGAINST LOU GIESE

Yesterday afternoon, following a demurrer made on a demurrer counsel for Lou Giese, charged with embezzlement of funds belonging to the East side fire department, the court dismissed the two indictments. Giese, who has been in jail under \$10,000 bond, had the same reduced to \$300 and is held in that sum to await the action of the next territorial grand jury. In default of bail he is in jail.

WOULD PUT STOP TO JUAREZ RACE MEETING

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 4.—A crusade against the race track at Juarez, Mexico, opposite El Paso, although the winter meeting there has barely got under way, has already started. At a mass meeting of the ministers and businessmen last night at the chamber of commerce, it was decided to ask the state department to make an effort to have the concession for the race track there revoked if possible.

SCHOOLS RE-OPEN MONDAY; NO HOLIDAY VACATION

At a special meeting of the board of education last night it was decided that the public schools of East Las Vegas will open again Monday morning, after being closed for four weeks. The schools will continue until the closing of the school term. The usual Christmas vacation of two weeks will not be given this year.

MUST TRANSFER MARINES FROM STANDED TRANSPORT

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—The army transport Fairlie, carrying seven hundred marines and a cargo of equipment, to be used in a possible campaign against Nicaragua, is still stuck in the mud in the Delaware river. The vessel's stores and the cargo on board is being lightered and the marines will probably have to be ashore. The transport Fairlie, now at the navy yard here, may have to take the place of the Fairlie, but she is far from being prepared for a sea voyage.